

## SELECTION OF STREAM HEADWATER

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Route: \_\_\_\_\_ Item No: \_\_\_\_\_  
 UPN: \_\_\_\_\_ MARS: \_\_\_\_\_ Station: \_\_\_\_\_

The HEADWATER point on a stream is located at the site where the normal flow is 5 cubic feet per second (cfs).

Use the following equations ---

$$Q_a = 1.39 * A * (LAT - 36)^{-0.15} * E^{0.12}$$

Where :

\* Data Range

$Q_a$  = the mean annual discharge or the normal flow in cfs.

$Q_a$  = (0.94 - 9,360)

A = the drainage area in square miles

A = (0.67 - 2,762)

LAT = latitude of site in degrees

LAT = (36.341 - 39.140)

E = the mean elevation of the basin in thousands of feet. This is determined by laying a grid on the quad sheet and locating the elevation of five to ten uniformly spaced points. The average of these elevations divided by 1000 is E.

E = (0.391 - 2.414)

1. Determine A for site from USGS quadrangle sheets.
2. Determine Latitude from quadrangle sheets.
3. Determine E for the watershed.
4. Solve the above equations for  $Q_a$ .

A = \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{mi}^2$

LAT = \_\_\_\_\_ degrees

E = \_\_\_\_\_ 1000 ft.

$Q_a$  = \_\_\_\_\_ cfs

5. If > 5 cfs, below headwater, or if < 5 cfs, above headwater.